



#### **Sungrow : The leading Inverter Manufacturer**

Utility		Commercial		Residential	Energ	y Storage
Central Inverters	String Inverters					
SG3125HV       SG3125HV-MV         SG2500U       SG2500U-MV	SG125HV (1500Vdc)	SG33K3J	SG49K5J	SG10KTL- M SG12KTL-M	Hybrid Inverter SH5k+	Hybrid Inverter SC100/250/500/1000
SG25000       SG25000         SG2500H       SG2500HV-MV         SG3000H       SG2500HV-MV         SG3000H       SG2500         SG25000       SG2000         SG2500       SG2000-MV         SG2500       SG2500-MV	SG80KTL (1000Vdc )	SG33KTL-M SG36KTL-M SG36KTL-M SG30KU SG30KU SG36KU	SG50KTL-M	SG3KTL-D SG5KTL-D SG5KTL-D SG2K-S SG2K-S SG2K5-S SG3K-S	Bat	etery Pack

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## Challenges



#### **Challenge I : Lower Initial Investment**

- Lowest PPA prices refresh to 1.77¢
- Civil-Work cost increase
- Grid parity target by 2020

#### Solution

Through the precise modeling and simulation reduce system costs, improve efficiency and increase power generation Challenge II : Grid-Support Requirements

• PV generation has larger influence to the grid

due to high penetration

• Comprehensive commands required by the grid

#### **Solution**

- Inverter Incorporates more grid support functionality
- Inverter manufacturer offer various simulation models for grid study



## **Traditional PV Plant Design Procedure**

Traditioanl PV plant Design Steps

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Traditional Design Problems

- 1. Site Selection: ground power station, hill power station, water power plant, agricultural sheds etc.
- 2. Measurement and Mapping: topography, environmental climatic mapping, contouring terrain mapping, environmental data collection.
  - 3. Design: string design , distance design, block design electrical design
  - 1. Heavy manual terrain survey: mapping inefficient.
- 2. Inaccurate results for irregular terrians: Inconvenient to carry mapping equipment.
- 3. 2-dimension CAD schematics : not intuitive way for final design display
- 4. Each part design is separate cannot verify each other in a closed-loop

## **Intelligent Closed-loop Design**



## **Intelligent Design with Improved Efficiency**

- 1. Convenient Drawing: drone mapping, high efficiency, high precision
- 2. Fast Design: Helios 3D professional design, visual dynamic modeling
- 3. Closed-loop Simulation: System simulation software PVsyst interaction with Helios 3D in

seamless way

50MW ground station project	Traditional design time-consuming (days)	Intelligent design time-consuming (days)	
Topographic Mapping	5~7	0.5-1	
Topographic Processing and Mapping	1~2	0.5-1	
Photovoltaic Board Layout Design	7~10	2-3	
Electrical Design	5~7	3-4	
Cable Statistics	2-3	-	
Total	20~29	6~9	

## **PV Plant 3D Design Tools Introduction-Helios**

3D Design and Simulation :

Helios 3D, is a smart PV plant design software, the design is divided into three parts:

Model Creation	<ul> <li>Create components, scaffolds and other components of 3D model</li> </ul>	
PV Plant Design	<ul> <li>Analyze the terrain, design the power station</li> <li>Export plant 3D model</li> </ul>	
Document Generation	<ul> <li>Power plant equipment list</li> <li>Cable statistics</li> <li>Interacts with the PVsyst</li> </ul>	



## **PV Plant 3D Design Tools Introduction-PVSyst**

#### Simulation Tool:

PVsyst is a mainstream photovoltaic system simulation software. Three main parts:

Database	<ul> <li>Set or import plant location weather data, components and inverter models</li> </ul>
Pre-design Mode	<ul> <li>Preliminary simulation and parameter setting according to the meteorological data</li> </ul>
System Simulation Mode	<ul> <li>Analyze system power generation, efficiency, shading simulation reports, guide design optimization</li> </ul>



## **Module Layout Optimization- Tilt Angle Optimization**

Plane tilt optimized, 10% land utilization rate can be improved(only 0.49% yield reduced) and land cost reduced.

Golmud, Qinghai, China, 38° optimized Plane tilt:

- 1. Yield difference of 32°-44° plane tilt: less than 0.49%;
- 2. Land utilization rate of 38° plane tilt: 10% higher than that of 32°.



Yearly Yield and Plant Size Curves in Golmud, Qinghai, China (1MW)

## **Module Layout-String Distance Optimization**

Rules for distance Design : No shading from 9:00 am. to 3:00 pm.

Power Station	Parameters	
Site	Telgoan, India	
Module	CS6U-340M-AG 1500V	
Modules/	30	
String	50	
Combiner	16 input, 1 output	
Inverter	SG125HV	
Inverter Num.	20	
AC Capacity	2.5MW	

a. Tilt: 38°, distance: 15 m b. Tilt: 38°, Distance: 8 m 1194 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> Horizontal global irradiation 1194 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> Horizontal global irradiation +14.5% Global incident in coll. plane +14.5% Global incident in coll. plane -2.7% Near Shadings: irradiance loss -6.4% Near Shadings: irradiance loss >-2.2% IAM factor on global ⇒-2.2% IAM factor on global ⇒-3.0% Soiling loss factor 3-3.0% Soiling loss factor 1262 kWh/m2 \* 18665 m2 coll. Effective irradiance on collectors 1213 kWh/m2 \* 18665 m2 coll. Effective irradiance on collectors efficiency at STC = 17.49% PV conversion efficiency at STC = 17.49% PV conversion 4119 MWh Array nominal energy (at STC effic.) 3960 MWh Array nominal energy (at STC effic.) 9-1.2% PV loss due to irradiance level 9-1.3% PV loss due to irradiance level 9-1.5% PV loss due to temperature ⇒-1.4% PV loss due to temperature >-0.1% Shadings: Electrical Loss detailed module calc. >-2.6% Shadings: Electrical Loss detailed module calc. +0.4% Module quality loss +0.4% Module quality loss >-2.0% LID - Light induced degradation -2.0% LID - Light induced degradation ⇒-1.0% Module array mismatch loss →-1.0% Module array mismatch loss →-0.4% Ohmic wiring loss →-0.4% Ohmic wiring loss 3887 MWh Array virtual energy at MPP 3642 MWh Array virtual energy at MPP 9-1.3% Inverter Loss during operation (efficiency) ⇒-1.3% Inverter Loss during operation (efficiency) -0.8% Inverter Loss over nominal inv. power **→-0.7%** Inverter Loss over nominal inv. power ₩0.0% Inverter Loss due to power threshold >0.0% Inverter Loss due to power threshold ₩0.0% Inverter Loss over nominal inv. voltage ₩0.0% Inverter Loss over nominal inv. voltage ₩0.0% Inverter Loss due to voltage threshold ₩0.0% Inverter Loss due to voltage threshold ₩0.0% ₩0.0% Night consumption Night consumption 3806 MWh Available Energy at Inverter Output 3568 MWh Available Energy at Inverter Output ₩0.0% AC ohmic loss  $\rightarrow 0.0\%$ AC ohmic loss 9-1.2% External transfo loss 9-1.3% External transfo loss Energy injected into grid 3759 MWh 3522 MWh Energy injected into grid

**Note:** In actual design, adjust distance considering land price and real terrain.

# **Key Points – Cable Selection and Loss Optimization**

Through cable matching for a 2.5MW block, compared with the 1.6MW block, the cable cost is even, but the system

cable loss decreased 0.3% to 0.5%.



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Output

## **Key Points–DC/AC Ratio**



## **Modeling Optimizaiton Reference: a 50MW Project**

the design scheme of a 50MW power station is as follows:

- Total system capacity: 51.9552MW; System sub-array capacity: 1.2672MW; Numbers of system subarrays: 41; Numbers of inverters: 984;
- 2. Traditional Design angle: 32 °; Azimuth: 0 °;
- 3. Optimized Simulation angle: 34 °; Azimuth: -4 °;
- 4. System annual yield: 71047MW, PR: 86.27%



# Comparison

Advantages of intelligent design:

- 1. Drone mapping significantly improve the efficiency;
- 2. Rapid terrain analysis, PV modules optimization;
- 3. PV modules layout optimization through simulation ;
- 4. Increase the land utilization, improve system efficiency and reduce system costs;



Parameter	Traditional Design	Intelligent Design
No. of supports	7728	7872
Total Capacity	51.0048 MW	51.9552 MW
Comprehensive Tilt Angle	34°	34°
Integrated Azimuth	-1°	-4°
Slope Variation Range	0~55.8°	0~46.3°
Spacing Range	0.56~39.6 m	0.73~24.9 m
Average Spacing	8.9 m	6.38 m
Annual Generation	70006 MWh/year	71047 MWh/year
Per-watt Power Generation	1.372 kWh/W	1.367 kWh/W
System Per-watt Costs	5.5 USD cent/W	4.9 USD cent/W





## **Utility Requirement of Inverter**

- PV power plants are required to participate in the utility management
- Utility need inverter simulation models to validate PV plant support functions under specific conditions in a fast way

- Inverter and Simulation Model Requirements :
- 1. The inverter has LVRT function and frequency control etc.
- 2. Able to establish the simulation model of the inverter ;
- 3. Able to verify the consistency of inverter and simulation model



#### Reactive Power Curve



LVRT Requirements

# **Utility Requirements of Models - Germany**

Energie, Wasser, Leben



Digsilent model will be accessed to test report by third party Unit certificate of inverter is necessary for plant certificate after simulation

## **Utility Requirements of Models -US**

- For different region, the utility will require different voltage/frequency protection settings.
- The PSLF/PSSE/PSCAD model should be adjusted according to specific requirement.





## **Utility Requirements of Models - Australia**

1	Simulation Model	AEMO region	West Australia
	Digsilent	NA	Required
	PSS/E	Required	NA
	PSCAD	Required	NA
2 inverter models are used for the assessment of NTS (Network technical study) or GPS(general performance study) report			



INDICATIVE GPS SUNRAYSIA SF 200MW GPS - SUNGROW REVD

# **Utility Requirements of Models - Malaysia**

 

 Simulation model requirement
 PSSE

 Power System Stud 30MWac Transmiss Large Scale Solar i Kedat

 • PSSE simulation report is mandatory for

- PSSE simulation report is mandatory for each project developer, they will submit simulation report to Grid Company– TNB;
- Items in the test report which are directly related with inverter: reactive power capacity, harmonics; flicker; short circuit.



Malaysia grid requirement– PV power station's reactive power could be adjusted from -0.85-0.95.

# **Utility Requirements of Models -Northern Ireland**



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## **Inverter Model – SUNGROW Solutions**

- LVRT/HVRT/FRT/Active Power/Reactive
   Power Control functions are basics
- Third party PPC or communications compatibility shall be extendable
- SUNGROW inverter model has various communication interface, compatible with the majority PPC manufacturers, and meet the grid requirements.





LVRT, FRT Parameter Setting

PPC Interface Setting



## **Performance Verification Method Requires Innovation**

- Higher AC power of inverter lead to harder test platform setup
- Key items like harmonics/flicker/islanding/ resonances is difficult to simulate



## **Aim to Unify Simulation Platform**

- Too many simulation tools that will set high burden for inverter manufacturer :
- SUNGROW suggest to choose 2 or 3 mainstream software to keep comparison under the same benchmark.

Software	<b>Countries and Regions</b>
PSS/E	US, Northern Ireland, AU(AEMO), Malaysia
DigSILENT	Germany, AU(AEMO),
PSCAD	US, Western Australia
PSLF	US
ANATEM	Brazil
ATP	Brazil









## **Compliant to Smart Grid standards**

- Take PV plant control as the normal coal generator : through inverter as is VSG control method (Virtual Synchronous Generator).
- Compliance to latest codes : IEC 61850 / IEEE 2030.5 / SUNSPEC





## **Combined PV+ Storage makes System more Complex**

 Bi-Directional Power Flow/Charge-Discharge Control/ EMS management requires innovate tools for modeling and verification



## **Other Challenges**

- Distributed PV generation control and simulation
- Environmental factors that will affect performance like Dust ,corrosion modeling
- 25 years theoretical/filed reliability prediction(HALT ,ALT ,HASS) and calculation and simulation for better O&M

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